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Abstract (en)  
An image processing method and apparatus capable of easily setting color matching processing for each object in accordance with user's utilization of an image, as well as performing the color matching processing suitable for each object and obtaining a high quality output image. In the apparatus, the type of the output image is manually set from an operation unit, a driver inputs an object image included in the output image, determines the type of the input object image, and performs color matching processing on the object image on the basis of pre-stored profile information, corresponding to the determined type of the object image and the set type of the output image. Meanwhile, a controller of a printer gives priority to a gray color reproduction, and it always applies gray compensation to a text image but not to a natural image, and controls whether or not to apply the gray compensation to a graphic image in accordance with a manual instruction. <IMAGE>

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